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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Please find below a listing of all of the pending claims. The statuses of the claims are set forth in parentheses.*

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus~~ A system, comprising:  
a gateway for use between a home network and an external data network; ~~and, said~~  
~~apparatus comprising:~~  
an access point device for the home network;  
wherein ~~said~~ the access point device comprising ~~comprises:~~  
a ~~housing;~~  
communication means for wireless data communication in the home  
network; and  
interface means for user-interface related to said apparatus, said interface  
means ~~and said communication means being located within said housing~~ including at  
least an IR receiver for remote control of at least one apparatus connected to said home  
network.
2. (Currently Amended) The system apparatus of claim 1, wherein the access point  
device is connected to the gateway ~~apparatus~~ via a cable.
3. (Cancelled)

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4. (Currently Amended) The system apparatus of claim 1, wherein the access point device comprises a visual status indicator.

5. (Currently Amended) The system apparatus of claim 1, wherein the access point device comprises a camera.

6. (Currently Amended) The system apparatus of claim 1, wherein the access point device comprises a microphone.

7. (Currently Amended) The system apparatus of claim 1, wherein the access point device comprises a FLASH memory card slot.

8. (Currently Amended) A device configured as an access point for use with ~~an~~ a first apparatus that comprises a gateway for being used between a home network and an external data network, the device comprising:

communication means for wireless data communication in the home network; and

interface means for a user-interface related to said apparatus, said interface means including at least an IR receiver allowing remote control of at least one second apparatus connected to said home network ~~said interface means and said communication means being located within said housing.~~

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9. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8, wherein the device is connectable to the first apparatus via a cable.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8, further comprising a visual status indicator.

12. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8, further comprising a camera.

13. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8, further comprising a microphone.

14. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8, further comprising a FLASH memory card slot for digital still images.

15. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8 further comprising a lamp configured to indicate that an email message is waiting.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the access point device further comprises a lamp configured to indicate that an email message is waiting.

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17. (Currently Amended) An access point device comprising:

~~a housing;~~

a first port configured to provide wireless communication among a plurality of appliances of a local network;

a second port configured to provide an interface to at least one of said plurality of appliances, ~~said housing including said first port and said second port; and~~

an IR receiver allowing remote control of at least one of said plurality of appliances,

wherein at least one of said plurality of appliances includes a gateway between a home network and an external data network.

18. (Previously Presented) The access point device of claim 17, wherein said at least one of said plurality of appliances includes a set-top box connectable to a monitor, said second port being connectable to said set-top box through a cable having a length configured to allow placement of said access point device substantially near said monitor.

19. (Previously Presented) The access point device of claim 17, further comprising a camera configured to capture images, and provide said image to at least one of a monitor of said local network and an external network.

20. (Previously Presented) The access point device of claim 17, further comprising a lamp configured to indicate that an email message is waiting.

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21. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the access point device further comprises a housing, said interface means and said communication means being located within said housing.

22. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the access point device and the gateway are located in separate housings.

23. (New) The device of claim 8, further comprising a housing, said interface means and said communication means being located within said housing.

24. (New) The access point device of claim 17, wherein the access point device comprises a housing, said housing including said first port and said second port.